

## **Governors Report – Literacy**

Adventure, sci-fi, poetry, humour, stories for all ages, science, history geography; it's all there in the new reading scheme introduced last summer – and the pupils to whom I have been talking love it. Both the fiction and non-fiction provide so much inspiration and interest as well as helping the vital skill of reading. As one of the governors, I have a specific responsibility for literacy in school and I meet every term with the teachers who oversee all aspects of reading and writing to find out what is happening in this essential area of the curriculum.

Like me, you were perhaps wondering what talking has to do with writing, but the new Talking for Writing initiative launched this term is proving just how important both are. I was fortunate to have been invited to the training day in January to see the demonstration of this new scheme; the enthusiasm and commitment of all the staff present showed just how much progress pupils can make with their writing when it is introduced in this lively and animated way. It all makes me wish that I were back in the classroom to enjoy such excellent resources presented by such dedicated staff.

**Mrs L Redfern**

**Literacy Governor**

## **‘Makeover’**

There are so many programmes on television that encourage us to have a ‘Makeover’, to our homes, our gardens and sometimes our wardrobe. One area in school that is ready for a ‘Makeover’ is the Early Years Outdoor Learning Area as it is starting to look rather tired and worn out. Hatchell Wood Primary is joining with seven other local schools to take part in a project, during 2015/2016, supported by the Early Excellence Centre in Huddersfield.

Staff from the centre will provide training and advice to staff to improve the area. When the alterations are complete and additional equipment is in place the learning environment will allow children to develop new skills to widen their experience of outdoor play.

As Foundation Stage governor I am really excited about this project, as are the staff, and can't wait to see the results and more importantly the children having lots of fun while learning.

**Cathryn Street**

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